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Title : LIGHT-COLORED WATER BASED INTERCOAT  
COATING COMPOSITION AND MULTI-LAYER  
COATING FILM FORMED BY USE OF THE SAME

**ART STATEMENT**

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Sir:

A copy of the European Search Report from applicants' corresponding European patent application is enclosed.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0165334 (Melchiors et al.). The European Search Report cited Melchiors et al. as being particularly relevant by itself (category X), cited paragraphs 4 to 11 on page 1, paragraph 44 on page 4 to paragraph 54 on page 5, claims 1 to 7, and example a6 of Melchiors et al. as being relevant, and cited Melchiors et al. as being relevant to claims 1 and 2 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

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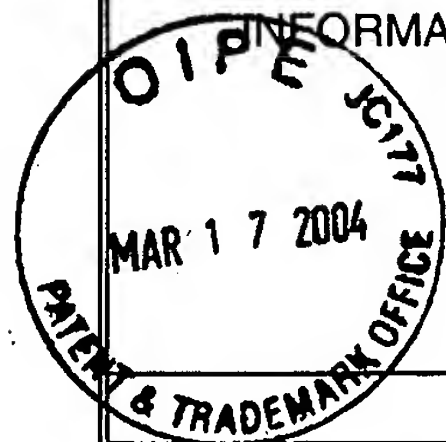
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